

CHAPTER 291

PARENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR UNLAWFUL ACTS OF CHILDREN

H. F. 90

AN ACT relating to parental responsibility for actions of children.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter six hundred thirteen (613), Code 1966, is amend-
2 ed by adding the following sections:

3 1. The parent or parents of an unemancipated minor child under the
4 age of eighteen years shall be liable for actual damages to person or prop-
5 erty caused by unlawful acts of such child. However, a parent who is not
6 entitled to legal custody of the minor child at the time of the unlawful
7 act shall not be liable for such damages.

8 2. The legal obligation of the parent or parents of an unemancipated
9 minor child under the age of eighteen years to pay damages shall be limit-
10 ed as follows:

11 a. Not more than one thousand dollars for any one act.

12 b. Not more than two thousand dollars, payable to the same claim-
13 ant, for two or more acts.

14 3. The word "person" for the purpose of this Act shall include firm,
15 association, partnership or corporation.

16 4. When an action is brought on parental responsibility for acts of
17 their children, the parents shall be named as defendants therein and, in
18 addition, the minor child shall be named as a defendant. The filing of an
19 answer by the parents shall remove any requirement that a guardian ad
20 litem be required.

1 SEC. 2. Chapter six hundred twenty-four (624), Code 1966, is amend-
2 ed by adding the following section:

3 "The provisions of section one (1) of this Act shall not limit any
4 liability of any minor for his own acts and shall not limit any liability
5 imposed by the common law or by any other provision of the Code."

Approved May 1, 1969.

CHAPTER 292

GOOD SAMARITAN LAW

H. F. 39

AN ACT relating to emergency care or assistance.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 SECTION 1. Any person, who in good faith renders emergency care or
2 assistance without compensation at the place of an emergency or accident,
3 shall not be liable for any civil damages for acts or omissions unless such
4 acts or omissions constitute recklessness.

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